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Town and County

NEWSPAPER LAW.

Below we give the United States Postal Laws relating to newspapers and subscribers:

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered as wishing to continue their subscription.

2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of their periodical the publisher may continue sending them until all arrearages are paid.

3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their periodicals from the office to which they are directed, they are held responsible until they have settled their bill and ordered them discontinued.

4. If subscribers move to another place and fail to inform the publisher, and the papers are sent to the former direction, they are held responsible.

5. Any person who receives a newspaper and makes use of it, whether he ordered it or not, is held in law to be a subscriber.

6. If subscribers pay in advance they are bound to give notice to the publishers at the end of their time if they do not wish to continue taking it; otherwise the publisher is authorized to send it on and the subscriber is responsible until express notice with payment of all arrears is sent direct to the publisher.

The new postal amendment has made it a penal offense to refuse to pay for a newspaper and the subscriber may be imprisoned for a year.

Town election comes off on May the 6th.

See notice of land sale by Thomas Bingham.

DON'T FORGET THE TOWN ELECTION ON NEXT MONDAY.

Mrs. Benton Cook, of Pine Run, is sick. Dr. Council was called to see her Monday.

I. W. Thomas has purchased several acres of land adjoining him from Dr. Council.

The scarcity of butter here is unaccountable, all the country stores have plenty. What's the reason.

Editor Spainhour and Miss Annie Parks are off on a visit to Mouth of Wilson, Grayson Co., Va.

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Gen. Leventhorpe, but sincerely hope for his speedy restoration to health.

B. J. Council and J. F. Spainhour each sold a horse last week to Mr. Floyd, of S. C. Each received a good round price in cash.

Rev. I. W. Thomas was re-elected pastor of Flat Top Church last Saturday, making five successive annual elections at that point.

Jim Blaine don't seem to be running this government at present, Harrison has more firmness than was expected.

Just one hundred years ago yesterday George Washington took the oath of office, and became the first President of the United States.

The County Superintendent, in next issue, will call attention to some of the amendments in the public School law.

Cannot somebody afford to preach occasionally for us people in Boone? We are beginning to feel like we will have to ask that a missionary be sent us.

Is it not high time the Christian people of Boone were beginning to reorganize

their Sunday Schools and prepare for a good honest Summer's work on that line? It is too bad for us, and our children, to have no preaching, Sunday School, or prayer meeting either to go to.

The Daniel Boone Alliance will meet in Boone 1st Monday in May at 12 m. All members are requested to be present.

Snow fell last Sunday at Blowing Rock to the depth of an inch or more, and if it had not melted as it fell, it would have been 2 or 3 inches deep.

Dr. Call and Miss. Rose Bledsoe of Ashe were married Sunday morning a week ago. The Doctor has located at Frand Hardin's on South Fork of New River.

By order of the County Commissioners, Holden Moody went to Richlands on last week, and brought old Mr. Bentley, an esnepe pauper, back to the poor-house.

No change of offices in this section under the new administration except the appointment of Mrs. V. A. Edmisten at Blowing Rock as P. M. and G. W. Robbins at Shull's Mills P. M.

Council Brothers of Boone have about completed the King & Gray hotel at Blowing Rock. The work is well done, and the building is a magnificent one. They have begun work on Mr. W. M. Morris' house.

This government of ours is decidedly a big thing, the sun never sets on it at all, when it is setting in Alaska its rising in Maine, so our politicians always have their boots on and pulling for the white-houses to hoodwink Benny out of some office.

On the evening of the 23rd of April as Joe Hollers was felling a tree, near Shull's Mills, a limb struck him on the head, fracturing the skull, from forehead to back of head. He died at once. The deceased was 18 years old and son of Frank Holler.

Grading has begun on the Clawson hill and on the hill this side Elk X Roads, on the Boone and Jefferson road. When these amendments shall have been completed, there will be a fine road from Boone to Elk X Roads. Now if our Ashe neighbors will bestir themselves, and take on a little more energy and enterprise, and amend the road on Elk Ridge, we will have a capital road from Boone to Jefferson. What say you, good citizens of Ashe? Are you willing for the traveling public to continue to go around by Gap Creek to reach Jefferson and Boone just to avoid Elk Ridge?

Now, while everyone is trying to improve his premises, for the coming Summer, why not add a little in the way of paint, the cost would be merely nominal while the result from preservation (not to speak of looks) would more than double the expenditure of money. To see a town decorated in a nice coat of paint is sure to impress strangers favorably, and lead them to think that the people are thrifty, energetic and prosperous. If we propose to make this a Summer resort we must use a little money to make our town attractive to visitors, otherwise we need not expect them.

On last Sunday-morning the rain came in torrents for a while, then came hail, and for about an hour one of the most severe snow storms we ever recollect witnessing followed, but the ground being wet, it did no damage and was gone by 11 o'clock. The fruit, thus far, is safe.

Mr. Daniel B. Dougherty informs us that lead has been discovered on Mr. J. P. Council's land, and in company with Gen. Leventhorpe, he will open the vein at an early day, also that silver mine on J. D. Bryan's land is undergoing rigid examinations by experts, and it is hoped that the mine will prove a rich deposit of silver. The recent blasting in "Husky" is thought to have exposed a rich vein. And they entertain hope that it will prove all that has been claimed for it. This county besides lead and silver, is rich with copper deposits, and some of the finest magnetic iron prospects to be seen anywhere, also no end of mica and besides flattering prospects of gold in numerous places in the Co.

Dougherty & Co., have large boundaries of timbered and grazing lands to dispose of in Watauga county. This county is certainly the seat of many mineral veins, which, were they properly developed, would astonish the outside world, and they are not hard to get at either, what we need is capital, to develop the resources of this wonderfully rich country.

We have been asked by quite a number "What benefit is the Farmers' Alliance?" As we understand it, it is this: It binds together in one common brotherhood the very backbone of the country—the farmers. It brings about a closer union, it brings them together to interchange ideas as to the best methods of agriculture, what will thrive best in certain sections, when to plant and how to plant, in other words, to find out how to till the soil from those who have had experience, without blundering along for years on our own hook without advice and perhaps finally lose half of your labor. We all need advice and suggestions, none of us know it all. The merchants have Mercantile Associations, the mechanics have Brotherhood of the printers have Unions, and even the undertakers, the coffin-men, are bound together by a brotherhood. Why should not the farmers have protection. You ask why these brotherhoods, what is the object of them? Why it is for their own protection: to see that their rights and liberties are maintained and to gain advantageous ideas as to the best as well as the most economical method of prosecuting their business. Is farming your business? If so you should place yourself in a position to take advantage of the experience of older and wiser heads, this alone ought to be incentive enough for every farmer in Watauga to join the Alliance. One grand thing the Alliance has done for the South was to "down" the bagging trust, thereby retaining two million dollars in her borders. Is that not a big thing for an institution 18 months old? You ask how the Alliance bursted the cotton-bagging trust. By simply uniting on the determination not to use a yard of it and sticking to that determination. Why?

Because they thought they imposed upon in the price of the goods, and so they were, and the outcome was the farmers quit using it and the trust had to go. Now this is a sample of the strength of united farmers. Who can estimate the strength and capabilities of a brotherhood of the very bone and muscle of the country. What possibilities are there in such a union? Farmer, our candid opinion is that you will find the Alliance one of the most instructive educators informing and farm economy that you have ever had the means of grasping, and we do hope the day is not far distant when every farmer in Watauga county shall be united in this brotherhood for their instruction and advancement. Our columns are open for the views of all on this subject and we invite correspondence. The DEMOCRAT is a firm friend to the farmer and will take pleasure in publishing his views to his brother farmer.

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